

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting- Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing - Camping

Rules and Regulations

Open for public use from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, dog training, launching and landing boats allowed 24 hours a day on areas where these activities are permitted.

- Use of fireworks are prohibited.
- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all time. Hunting dogs may be used off the leash and unconfined for hunting and training purposes. Hunting permit required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Digging of roots is prohibited on all Conservation areas.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- No horseback or bicycle riding opportunities except on public roadways.
- Any activity with groups of 10 or more may need a special use permit. Contact Area Manager.
- Camping is allowed anytime. Season closures and restrictions may apply. Stays are limited to a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days in any thirty (30)-day period.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions.

- Refer to Fishing Regulations Summary for daily and possession limit regulation differences for streams and impoundments.
- In lakes and ponds, daily limits are catfish in the aggregate (channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish), four (4); black bass, six (6); crappie, thirty (30); and all other fish, statewide limits, but not to exceed twenty (20) in the aggregate. On lakes and

ponds, black bass more than twelve inches (12") but less than fifteen inches (15") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

- For more information on fishing creeks and streams, refer to A Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting and trapping is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions.

- Trapping allowed only with special use permit. Contact area manager
- Only portable stands are allowed from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on durable material with the full name and address or Conservation number of the owner and be removed from the area by February 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
USDA Service Center
1315 E. Main
Linn, MO 65051
(573) 897-3797

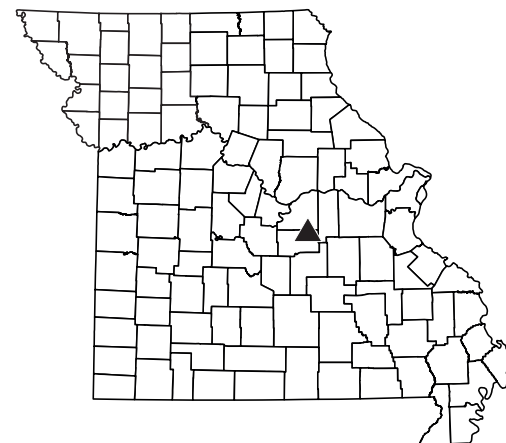
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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CONSERVATION AREA



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